

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Gerard von Hoffmann
Appl. No.	:	10/717,045
Filed	:	November 19, 2003
For	:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING EMBOLIC MATERIAL
Examiner	:	Christopher D. Prone
Group Art Unit	:	3738

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.